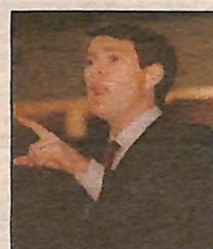


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The Measure of Student Opinion and Sentiment

TSU places fourth in TBR report card

By Mia McNeil
News Editor

Tennessee State University ranks fourth among the Tennessee Board of Regents' (TBR) six public universities in overall performance, according to the second annual (TBR) report card released Dec. 4. But the report card is criticized in part as misleading according to Associate Vice President for academic affairs, Dennis Gendron.

One area in which TSU scored low is performance on the ACT-comp. The ACT-comp tests students' reasonings, math, and communication skills, and the ability to use odds and sociology. The test is compared with the score a student had when he or she entered the university and is then compared with those of other students all over the country. It is required by the TBR for all graduating students. TSU was 14 percent below the national average, with only 36 percent.

However, Gendron defends the score saying, "We believe that the test is culturally biased."

TSU also had a weak score in alumni satisfaction, with only 69 percent of 1995-1996 graduates pleased with their educational experience, down 21 percent from the previous year. But Hefner, protests the score, saying he did not believe any institution had more than a 20 percent response from alumni.

Gendron said the TBR changed the format of the survey from simply filling out the satisfaction form and mailing it back in, to using a No. 2 pencil to fill out an ACT-type form. He also said the majority of responses came from allied health students.

The 1998 TBR is the first year that TSU has not led the alumni satisfaction since Hefner assumed the position of president in 1991.

Gendron said the TBR has decided to return to the previous survey format.

Graduation rate, is another area of concern for TSU. This rate is based on first-time freshman graduating within six years. TSU ranked fifth in graduation rate with 38 percent; only ahead of the University of Memphis with 35 percent.

"When [Hefner] came here in 1991, the retention rate was 19 percent," said Gendron, "since then it has doubled...to be only 2 percent off the TBR average is great," he said. Gendron also said that other factors such as first generation college students and older and working stu-

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Here we go again

Predominantly White fraternity forms on campus

By Mitchell Vantrease
News Editor

Last spring when the Tennessee State University community learned the predominantly white sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma wanted to establish a chapter on campus, many raised questions about how such a group would be accepted and how the school's character as a historically black college or university would be affected.

Now those questions are likely to be answered, as Sigma Pi, a 101-year-old predominantly white fraternity prepares to set up shop on campus this week, with the goal of a racially diverse, active and accepted membership by next spring.

Brian Gibson, a black student who attended an interest meeting Jan. 20 for the fraternity, said, "I'm interested in the fraternity, but I haven't decided yet what I am going to do."

Gibson is among at least seven black students who expressed interest so far in joining the fraternity's TSU chapter, which is the brainchild of Eric Parker, a freshman from Jasper, Tenn.

Parker said he wants the organization to have a diverse group of men because he does not want the campus to think of the organization as one just for white students.



PHOTO BY JOHN CARROLL

Male students interested in starting a chapter of Sigma Pi at TSU meet with international officers of the organization (center).

But, Teesha Boyle, a senior accounting major, doesn't expect the new group to fly on campus and thinks it will indeed be seen as a group for white students.

"I think it's senseless because I think they are not going to get the support of the campus," Boyle said. "Even though there is a diverse student body — Blacks, international students—we don't have enough Caucasian students to give them the support that they need as far as community service, parties and educational forums."

Parker said he is pleased with the number of people who have shown interest in the fraternity, which, at 27 so far, is greater than both the 20 minimum

requirement and the 15 who were too few to establish a Tri Sigma chapter on campus.

"I was barely expecting to meet the minimum requirement for interested students," Parker said. "I was surprised that it exceeded."

TSU President James A. Hefner gives full support to the charter of a predominantly white fraternity on campus, keeping in mind that the school, which now has 23 percent white enrollment, is under court order to achieve a racially balanced student body and that such groups could help attract minority students.

"I support diversity at TSU," see "Sigma Pi" on page 6

Registration more convenient than in past

By T'Neisha Jackson
News Writer

Through the use of new and improved registering systems, registration for the 1998-99 school year was more convenient for Tennessee State University students, even though registration was not without problems.

During fall and spring registration, students had the option of registering over the phone through TIGERS (Telephone Interactive Global Express

System) or by computer using the World Wide Web.

"We also have a third option for students, and that option is our decentralized registration. That's where students go to their academic department heads if they want to try to get into sections that are closed or if they want to get overloads," John Cade, dean of admissions and records, said.

"In any case, the academic deans and department heads have the capability of assisting the student with their

request and registering the student for their courses at the same time."

The availability of TIGERS and the WEB, which have been in use for two years, are the first major changes to be made to TSU's registration process.

"That previous process, known as arena registration, had been in effect since 1912," said Cade.

The biggest complaints about registration in the past were having to spend hours standing in lines and having to

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News

Communications department looks forward to new studio

Performing Arts Center at beginning of new millennium

By Stacey R. Diltz
News Writer

For communication students, it's the next best thing to having an internship at a local television station and for faculty and administrators, it's the key to success and accreditation for the department of communications.

After coping with out-of-date and out-of-style equipment, their broadcasting skills in a state-of-the-art television studio are now becoming a reality.

The new, customized studio is the last of ten buildings to be built at Tennessee State University under the \$112 million financial assistance grant given by the state of Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents. The center is expected

to be completed in 2001 and will be named the Tennessee State University Performing Arts Center, fully equipped with digital cameras, control rooms, editing decks, high definition lighting and quality sound equipment.

Henry Onyejiaka, television coordinator and professor at TSU, smiles with excitement when he speaks of the highly anticipated television studio.

"The new performing arts center will be one of the best in Middle Tennessee and is designed to prepare students for their television broadcasting careers," he said.

The studio will be staffed with a complete production crew and feature equipment commonly used by professional journalists, which is unlike anything TSU has had.

"We are working with architects to design the studio and we are hoping in a very short time we will be able to move in," Onyejiaka said.

In preparation for the studio, Onyejiaka recently visited Indiana University and took a course in digital

editing and multimedia digital production. He and other university officials also researched universities to examine the differences in all studios.

"We went to other colleges to look at what they had and from that we were able to model our studio to fit our needs," he said.

To insure the upkeep and enhancement of the equipment, Onyejiaka submitted a five-year television upgrade plan, similar to the plans television stations use, to show what stage the equipment should be in at each staged during that time span.

The new performing arts center also will allow students to further their communication talents by producing news segments and programs that will air later on the Community Access Television station.

Onyejiaka, a board member of Community Access TV, produced shows including THE FLIP SIDE, involving TSU students, that aired on the station in 1995. However, THE FLIP SIDE, was discontinued because of its inadequate studio equipment. Those days are over.

Students are also excited about the arrival of a new television station.

"I think it's good because we don't have anything here that is giving us real experience," junior communications major Lawanda Scott said. "Right now, we're not competing with the rest, like Middle Tennessee State University."

One student said she believes enrollment has suffered because the department of communications in non-accredited.

"They've lost a lot of communication majors because they don't have the resources that other schools have," said junior Tresa Hammond.

Onyejiaka said the new studio should assuage students' concerns and they should expect to leave TSU fully qualified and equipped for success. He added that the enrollment in communications will increase once word is out that TSU has a newly equipped television studio.

"I think the studio will help me move my students to professional standards and it will attract more communication majors to TSU," he said. "I'm excited that our students are getting what they deserve." •

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Graduates continue tradition

By Freda Buckley
News Writer

May 1999 graduates will continue the longstanding tradition of walking across the stage and receiving their diploma amidst speculation that the graduation procedure may change.

At the 1998 commencement Tennessee State University President James A. Hefner announced

that changes would be made in the traditional graduation process, however, he said, "This year everything will be the same," although future years may change because of class sizes.

After years of staying up late and studying all night, the ending achievement is walking across the stage to receive a college diploma. Students wait anxiously for their names to be called to show their families and friends what they have accomplished.

However, instead of a traditional graduation that allows the student to

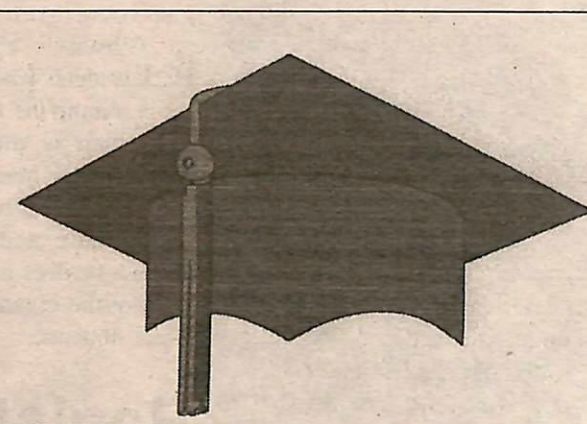
walk across the stage, turn their tassel and receive a diploma, the alternative would have each department to stand, be recognized, and no individual names would be called.

Senior Bryant Herbert said, "Walking in front of your family and friends is an accomplishment. If you

don't walk and just have a ceremony, what's the point of graduation?" Vice President of the Senior Class, Giatarra Gardner,

said, "I feel the general consensus not only of this class, but those behind us; taking away the individuality of walking is less rewarding."

Changing the tradition of walking across the stage would not only apply to the May graduates, but future classes may be affected. Freshman Mark Williams said, "I feel it's unfair because they didn't talk to the student body as a whole before they made that decision. Just because someone thinks it's a brilliant idea doesn't mean the idea is always appropriate." •



News

President delivers state of union

By Ambre S. Brown
Editor in Chief

In the last State of the Union address of the century last Tuesday night President Clinton surrounded himself by people who have shaped history during his historic term.

He recognized Chicago Cubs star Sammy Sosa and his help in relief efforts in the Dominican Republic. To Rosa Parks for her part in igniting the Civil



President Clinton

Rights Movement, a mother of a girl killed in the Jonesboro, Ark. school shooting who has spearheaded an effort against guns and the wives of the two officers killed at the Capital this summer.

He then honored his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, for all she has done in what he called her historic roles to serve this nation. "For all she has done, I honor her," he said during one of the many standing ovations he received that night.

While he announced many new initiatives throughout the speech, perhaps the most surprising was that the Federal government is preparing to launch a lawsuit against tobacco companies for causing tobacco-related illnesses in American people. "Taxpayers should not have to pay for tobacco-related illnesses, the tobacco companies should," Clinton said.

He asked Congress to resist tobacco lobbies to reduce fines and laws and to hold the companies accountable. This initiative will further weaken the tobacco companies who in 1998 were ordered to pay \$206 billion to states for individuals and families suffering from tobacco-induced diseases.

"The state of our union is strong," Clinton said as he boasted about the first balanced budget in 30 years, the \$63 billion surplus that should last for at least the next 25 years and the low violent crime level.

His four initial points were to save Social Security, insure the soundness of Medicare until 2020, establish Universal Savings Accounts (USA) for all Americans and invest in long term care for elderly or disabled citizens.

Clinton recommended to eliminate the limits on what senior citizens can earn on Social Security because for many of them, the Social Security check is the only source of income they have. With that in mind, he proposed the USA would be similar to the 401k plans many companies offer, but available to every citizen.

He delivered a strong warning to state and local school districts that would force them to stop letting kids slip through the cracks and graduate without basic skills. "Kids should not receive diplomas who cannot read," he said.

Clinton promised more funding for summer and after school programs and challenged school systems to "turn around the worst performing schools or shut them down."

The president was clearly proud of his administration's Welfare to Work bill and proposed a billion of the current surplus create additional jobs for the nation's poor. "In the past six years we have cut the nation's welfare roles nearly in half," he said. Before he announced this, Clinton said it was only right to raise the nation's minimum wage to \$6.15.

Clinton vowed to continue to contain Iraq leader Saddam Hussein and promised to "defend our securities whenever we are threatened." He said he wanted to increase the Pentagon's budget over the next six years by \$110 billion for readiness, modernization and pay and benefits for the military personnel and their families. "They (troops) always come through for America, we must come through for them," he said.

The president also touched on the year 2000 computer bug, promising Social Security checks would come in on time, the privacy of medical records, more teachers and police officers, job training, a fair and free trading system and youth volunteerism.

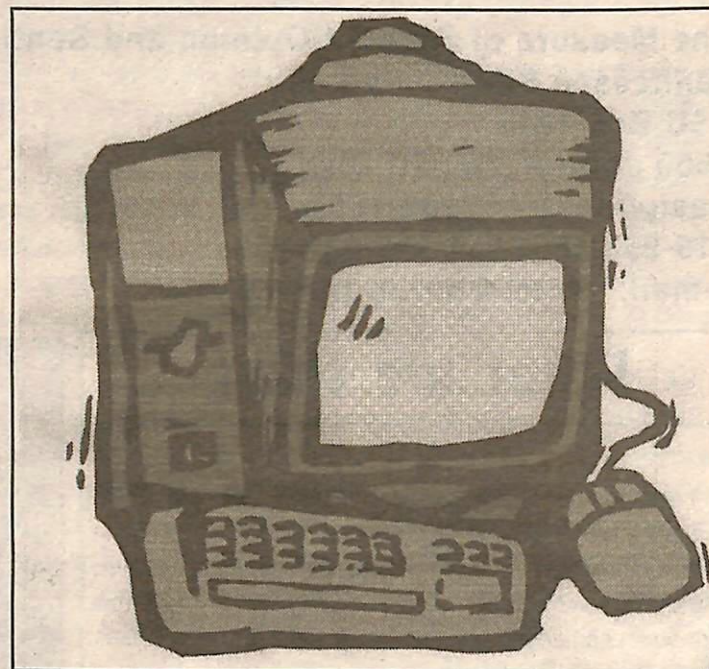
"No one in the world can doubt the will of the American people to work for a more perfect union," Clinton said.

Clinton looked in high spirits and delivered a successful speech on the eve of the day his defense team began arguments in his Senate trial. In the republican response, Representative Jennifer Dunn of Washington turned the focus back on Clinton's trial and what his fate will be in the upcoming weeks. "No matter what the president's outcome, our lives will continue to go on," she said.

Dunn said with many Americans paying up to 40 cents per dollar for taxes, Clinton should give the \$63 billion surplus back to the people instead of implementing the measures he proposed. "Spending the surplus as he proposes will not save Social Security," she said explaining Social Security should not be just patched up, but moved up for the 21st century. "The people's money belongs to the people."

Republicans are proposing a 10 percent tax cut for every working American, cutting death taxes and decreasing marriage taxes.

Dunn also suggested giving working Americans the choice of investing some of their social security money into individual retirement accounts. •



A computer may be the least of your troubles Jan. 1, 2000

Millennium bug brings concerns, turmoil

By Altresha Burchett
News Writer

In the year 2000, the United States may have to survive a national blackout for 72 hours which will probably be caused by the millennium bug.

"It's going to be between a brownout and a blackout," Michael Hyatt, author of *The Millennium Bug*, said. "The real threat in my estimation is that we're going to have simultaneous multiple system failures."

This dilemma was initially caused when computer programmers tried to save valuable memory space by abbreviating the number of digits in the calendar year. Until recently, this shortcut worked perfectly. However, some analysts are worried that the computer's interpretation of '00 will not read as the year 2000, but instead as 1900 or as another incorrect year.

The country will face a chance of not having any electricity for three entire days. It may sound like three days is not long, but imagine not having computers, VCR's, cars, elevators, fax machines and wrist watches.

"I feel that if a national blackout occurs, whether it is three months or three days, America will quickly fall deeper into a state of corruption than it already is," Nicoisha Allen, a criminal justice

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What we think

Waking up on Wednesday morning Jan. 22, 1998, watching the television and listening to the radio about some scandal involving the president of the United States, one would have almost just turned away and assumed that this was another par for the course attack that normally plagues any administration.

Jan. 21, 1999 the defense in the Clinton Impeachment Trial wrapped up their closing arguments by saying President Clinton should not be removed from office.

What, removed from office?! Oh, what can happen in a year. The one thing that has remained consistent for this year is the general public's lack of interest and insistence that the whole issue is about sex.

The time sex was made an issue in these trial proceedings deals with a sexual harassment lawsuit that President Clinton was deposed in over a year ago. What has come from the Paula Jones lawsuit is a history of perjury, witness tampering and abuse of power which winds a trail all the way back to Clinton's days as governor of Arkansas.

In a recent poll conducted at Tennessee State University five percent of the students have relied on the Senate Trial broadcast to understand the merits of the perjury and witness tampering case against the president.

Whereas the 90 percent who still think that the trial is about sex receive their information from watching the day-to-day cat fight highlights on the news at five. When the group was asked why they thought it was about sex, they collectively agreed that is has been from the beginning.

For those that have watched any or all of the news reports over the last year, know it has been more or less a soap opera. And in true soap opera fashion, the plot unfolds to reveal with whom the president has slept with and how many. Some Americans have looked upon this "Sexgate" as an excuse to live without morals, or at least loose what little morals Americans still possess.

The common response, if you can believe Gallop polls, of Americans is that the president is not guilty of anything that we, as Americans, do not do anyway.

So when did adultery become a common way of life, and who wants to explain that to our lovers, children and spouses?

Looking back on the legacy of the American president, most presidents had mistresses, but that never stopped them from running the country nor did it cause the Congress to get involved. So what's the difference this time?

The major difference between a president such as Kennedy and Clinton, lays in the judicial branch of our government. JFK was never sued for sexual harassment and Clinton has been.

The media and its sensationalist attitude has had a field day with these proceedings. They have successfully been able to take the general public's mind off the legal allegations and only think of the sexual exploits that are involved with this case. It is unfortunate that sex sells, even in such a serious matter as perjury and witness tampering. •



Ambre S. Brown

Editor in Chief

The registration episode

The registration process at Tennessee State University has improved tremendously since I arrived in Fall 1995.

I remember all too well sitting on the floor in Kean Hall watching the television screens to see what classes were still open. Then, the painful process of standing in a line with at least 25 people ahead of me, only to get to the front and have a woman look me in the eye, smirk and tell me my classes were closed.

I remember feeling like the woman behind the computer screen could have cared less about me or whether or not I got into my classes.

Now, I no longer have to worry about impolite people getting a kick out of hurting my feelings. These days it is a busy telephone line or overloaded computer servers.

But I am not complaining. My first two years of college it took me up to 14 hours, in a good semester, to get classes, books and validated. And that was with a scholarship. I can only imagine how long it would

From where I sit

have taken without it. This semester, it took all of 20 minutes to register. But then I had to get a pink slip. That's when the fun began. With all of the new technology, the one thing that has stayed the same is the drama of the print-out.

Why is there only one place on campus to make this happen? The line can go as far as the third floor! And don't try to talk to someone in line. The person behind them will get rowdy.

Then, after that line, I traveled to Kean Hall to pay. To my right was the line for the Bursar reminiscent to the days of old. To my left was the booth for credit card and check payment and no one was in these lines, so of course I went there.

I was thinking, finally, my time for revenge against the system. I knew the debit card system had only been in place for a couple years, so I felt that as a student on campus, it is only right that I took advantage of it.

I went to the line and of course, the woman did not refer to me as a student, or even a human being, only a number, by saying "social." I just smiled and recited the number.

As she looked on the screen I saw her face suddenly look confused. She said, "you only owe \$4 and you want to pay with a credit card?"

I smiled and said "yep!"

I saw her eyes roll as she got up from the comfort of her chair and

walked the short distance to the credit card machine.

The woman sitting next to her said, "Girl, I don't blame you. I wouldn't stand in those lines either."

I agreed and declared victory.

After sharing some of my thoughts with university President James A. Hefner, he told me he would make it mandatory, starting next semester, for university personnel to wear name tags the entire registration week.

This way the next time someone does something nice for you or unfortunately, treats you like a step-child, get their name and write a letter.

The only way that people are going to treat us as if we matter is if they know we are holding them accountable.

In one of my classes last week a person pointed out that the reason we are treated so badly by personnel during registration week is that the staff does not think of us as customers, they think of us as students.

Before we ever become students, we are customers, paying for a service and ultimately, paying them.

And since we do pay for a service, we deserve good customer service. Unfortunately, I will not be here to take advantage of knowing the name of the person who smacks their gum in my face.

For those of you who are here, make sure to use your power and hold everyone accountable for their actions and get the service all customers and students deserve. •

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Money Talk\$\$\$:

Give yourself some credit



Marci J. Garner
Financial Reporter

It's tax season and there is some "Hope" in the way of tax credits and deductions for tuition expenses. So if you pay for college out of your pocket with a bank loan or Federal aid, you should read on.

In 1997, the Clinton administration passed laws that made it possible for parents and students to earn either a tax credit or a deduction. The Hope Tuition Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit are now available for tax payers that paid tuition expenses during the 1998 filing year.

For parents and students that paid any type of interest on a student loan during 1998, there is a deduction that can be taken starting this year.

The Hope Tuition Credit is available to any independent tax payer with a maximum gross income of \$40,000 for single filers and \$80,000 for joint filers. This credit allows the eligible tax payer up to \$1500 a year per student for tuition paid during the

first two years of college.

It gives all credit for the first \$1000 of tuition and half credit for the second \$1000. The tax credit only applies to tuition expenses like post office box, technology fee and student activity. It does not apply to such expenses as room, board and books. The student must be enrolled at least parttime (for TSU that is six hours). During a full tax filing year, if you drop below part-time during the second semester the credit still applies.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is for third, fourth, fifth year and grad students or students who go back for some type of certification or professional degree. It allows the tax payer to

receive a credit up to \$1000 a year per student. With this credit, one can earn as much as 20 percent of their tuition expenses that do not exceed \$5000 not including room, board and books.

The Lifetime Learning Credit applies to all expenses paid after June 30, 1998. This credit does not come with a course load requirement, so a tax payer can receive credit for as little as one course.

It is important to remember to take both credits in one tax filing year for the same student. So what if Joe Student is a sophomore for the spring and summer semesters of 1998 and a junior for the fall? Since he is still claimed as a dependent on his parents tax return, the students' should claim a credit for Joe's spring and summer semesters and not his junior fall semester. The student's family would succeed because they could receive a full credit for Joe's tuition.

If you or your parents have been paying interest on a student

loan or will be in the near future, you can receive a deduction for the first five years of the loan payoff.

For 1998, look forward to deducting as much as \$1000 and by 2001 tax payers can write off as much as \$2500 in interest. There is no need to itemize these deductions. This tax break applies to filers with an annual gross income of \$40,000 and \$60,000 for joint filers.

This is good news for tax payers in the typical 28% bracket. It proves that the government and the Clinton administration encourages and promotes higher education. This also proves that the government is willing to reward tax payers and their families for the pursuit of a professional degree. It is important that we take full advantage every opportunity that reaps both educational and financial benefits.

For more information, check your 1998 tax return booklets or call your local IRS office. •

Presidential sex, lies, more lies and audiotapes

By John J. Carroll
Photography Manager

Entering now into the defense portion of the Senate trial of President William Jefferson Clinton, images of sex and cigars still abound.

However, with the opening arguments underway it is important to look at the content of both sides of the issue to see what the trial is actually about. In order to see the facts of the indictments handed down from the house and the rebuttal from the defense one must first know how both sides of this deceitful web has been spun.

In January 1998 the spinsters began weaving a story of Sex, Lies and Audiotape that focused upon the humanism and lack of morals in America. The efforts have paid off, a year later when asked the general public still thinks that the Senate Trial is about a small lie perpetuated by the president with regards to a sexual issue. Most people's responses are along the lines of "wouldn't you lie about an affair?"

Now to discuss the premises behind the Senate Trial by addressing it with what it is and what it is not.

What it is not: A simple lie to cover up a consenting sexual relationship between two people and their private lives should not be aired out to dry in public.

What it is: The perjurious testimony given in the Paula Jones deposition was an effort to keep the Jones vs Clinton case from going to trial. The purposeful misin-

formation given in the deposition was coordinated between both President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, not as a scripted denial but a mutual agreement to simply deny that the affair ever took place.

What it is not: A trial about a lie.

What it is: If the president simply lied to the American people, there would have never been an impeachment hearing in the House of Representatives. Where this issue became bigger than a lie is when President William Jefferson Clinton, an attorney, swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help him God, did not tell the truth.

The president decided to give information that he knew to be false or misleading in an effort to thwart the judicial system. Clinton not only committed perjury to stop one person from getting their day in court, but he further perjured himself at the grand jury proceedings in August of 1998 which was a deliberate and direct attack on one of the three branches of government, the judicial branch.

What it is not: Everyone lies, but no one is above the law.

What it is: In January of 1998 the Democrats warned if the president has lied to us and had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, then he should resign. When evidence came out to the contrary, the Democrats then claimed if the president committed perjury that he should be impeached. When in August of '98, evidence of the presidents perjury was made public, the Democrats then

moved the impeachment bar again and stated that perjury is not an impeachable offense. All this in spite of the Senate had removed three federal judges for perjury.

What it is not: Perjury is not an impeachable offense. The Constitution states that bribery, treason and other high crimes and misdemeanors are impeachable offenses.

What it is: The judicial branch of our government has a ranking system on the seriousness of crimes. Bribery which is specified in the Constitution is awarded 10 points on this scale. The other directly mentioned crime, treason, is valued at 43 (the highest score) with murder its only equal. It is a reasonable guess that a president would be impeachable with the charge of murder, especially considering the value of its score.

With that said, perjury is valued at 12, above bribery in seriousness. There are two instances when perjury is increased in level of seriousness, the first, when it is committed by a high ranking official and second, when the perjury is given in malice so as to thwart the due process of law.

What it is not: The Impeachment trial of William Jefferson Clinton is an attempt to overturn an election.

What it is: The proceedings are not an effort to overturn the '96 election, in order for that to occur Bob Dole would have to become president. Republicans, when asked how they feel about the possibility of Al Gore assuming the role of president, they overwhelmingly state they are more leary of his policies than those of President Clinton.

In a recent poll conducted at Tennessee State University it has been found that only five percent of the persons asked have watched any of the Senate Trial. And of those polled, 90 percent still considered the whole issue is about sex. When the group was asked why they thought it is about sex, they collectively agreed that it has been from the very beginning.

The Senate Trial proceedings are about the necessity for a president to be equal in the eyes of the justice. It is about due process and keeping the presidency, as an institution, whole and respectful. President Clinton, through fault or no fault of his own, has tarnished the office of president and a trial is the only way to bring the prestige and awe back to the presidency. •

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News

Sigma Pi first to respond to invitation

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Hefner said, "as I believe diversity should be supported at all colleges and universities in the United States." Hefner, who is a member of the Omega Psi Phi historically Black fraternity, also noted that African-American fraternities and sororities are at white universities and it is, therefore, appropriate to have white sororities and fraternities at predominantly Black universities.

Mark Briscoe, executive director of Sigma Pi and the first to respond to TSU's invitation to 25 national historically white fraternities to come to campus, said he looks forward to a good working relationship.

"I think it is a good opportunity for us and the students on campus," he said. "The administration has accepted us very well. We feel this is a good experience."

But, Malika Patterson, president of TSU's Pan Hellenic Council, which governs the eight campus historically Black fraternities and sororities, said the new campus fraternity will not be able to join the council because of its racial heritage.

She adds, "TSU will probably not accept it (Sigma Pi) at first. But with time they have to adjust."

The new fraternity first must form a colony, which will be a registered campus organization. The colony has all the rights and privileges of a chapter, except no name, and at the fraternity's national convention it does not get a vote.

Prior to being named a chapter, the colony's members must do a required amount of community service and continue to pick up new members, reaching at least 40. The entire process is expected to be completed by the spring of 2000.

Fees for joining the group include individual fees such as a \$50 pledge fee, a \$300 initiation fee and a \$95 insurance fee. They also include a \$250 convocation assessment fee. This does not include local chapter fees.

"With all of the growth that's taking place on campus, there's nothing we can do about it," Marco Littlejohn, a 24-year-old senior, said of Sigma Pi's presence. "I don't have a problem with them coming to campus...as long as they do something progressive on campus and in the community."

Vowing not to abandon the possibility of a predominantly white sorority on campus, too, Sara Curp, director of the Office of Minority Affairs, invited the sorority Phi Sigma Sigma to campus to speak with interested students Feb. 4 and 5.

Despite the adjustment questions that only time can answer, Curp said TSU will have no problem adjusting to the change of predominantly white campus fraternities and sororities.

"Change is painful," she said. "However, to overcome is growth development for the group, the institution and the university. Change brings forth awareness, enlightenment and an opportunity for people to discover new horizons and new rainbows." •

Annual report card shows upswing

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dents causes the college process to take longer, which affects the graduation percentage reported.

In licensure fields TSU had a 78-percent pass rate, a four-percent increase from the 1997 report card and nine percent lower than the TBR average. TSU scored 18 percent below Austin Peay State University, which had the highest score.

This indicator measures the percentage of TBR students who passed professional licensure exams on the first attempt. These tests are usually in health related fields of study, but it also includes licensure exams such as law and engineering.

"Generally 90 percent of allied health students pass the exam," Gendron said. However "The engineering department is 2 percent lower than the average. Another weak area is accounting... that is where the problem lies and brings down the overall score."

In the degrees awarded category, TSU declined slightly from awarding 1,373 degrees during the 1996-1997 school year; to only 1,272 the last year.

In a 3-percent upswing from the previous year, TSU has 98 percent of its programs accredited. Forty-three of 44 programs eligible for accreditation are accredited, with only chemistry not being accredited. When chemistry was in the process of being accredited, the TBR changed the accreditation standards. Gendron said the process is still ongoing.

TSU also increased an impressive 29 percent from 1996-1997 in the area of program standards. The school now has 100 percent of peer reviewed programs meeting 90 percent of the stan-

dards given by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

TSU also was graded on accountability indicators such as faculty productivity, tuition and fees, staffing, expenditures, private giving and financial aid, where it generally scored at or near average.

"It is our expectation that the leaders of our institutions will use these report cards to evaluate the performance and to make improvements where needed," Smith said. "It is our hope that the report cards will be of value in assessing our system's efforts and determining the effectiveness of our accountability measures," he said.

The universities included in the TBR system along with TSU are Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Memphis.

"Issuing an annual report card is one of the steps we have taken to be more accountable to the people of Tennessee..." said TBR chancellor Charles E. Smith. "Each campus now has means to evaluate how it has improved or fallen behind the previous year's scores as well as where it stands in relation to other comparable institutions," Smith said.

The report card includes four sections - student learning, academic programs, faculty productivity and financial accountability. Student learning includes seven indicators - licensure fields, job placement, student satisfaction, alumni satisfaction, core knowledge skills, graduation rates and degrees granted, respectively. •

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New systems make long lines a thing of the past

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wait in Kean Hall to be enrolled in courses by faculty members. Students had to choose courses without knowing ahead of time whether or not a section was closed. If a class was closed, a student would then proceed to a computer, adjust their schedule, and re-attempt enrollment.

Using TIGERS or the WEB a student knows immediately if a course is available.

"These systems were designed to prevent lines for registration, and in that sense they have worked well," Cade said.

"It was an easier process because there were no long lines to wait in," Shameka Smith, an Aeronautical Industrial Technology major from Dyersburg, Tenn., said.

Although the registration system has changed, the steps leading up to registration remained the same. Students still had to remove holds and meet with their advisor for activation of their pin number. Once those steps were completed, registration was a matter of following instructions given over the phone or on the computer.

"I think for students one of the greatest advantages is that they can stay home and register," Cade said. "I think this year is a good example of how the system worked because of the weather. They could just call in and register."

Although registration was extended for those delayed in their return to school because of bad weather, registration was still possible through TIGERS using a long distance phone number or through accessing TSU's website address.

This semester, approximately 2,200 students used TIGERS, 3,400 students used the WEB and 3,000 students with developmental holds registered online in developmental offices.

"Given those figures, I think everything went well...I was surprisingly shocked to find that more students used the WEB than TIGERS," Cade said.

Senior Torrie Jackson said, "Using the computer gave you visible information."

Most students generally agree that the new registering systems are better than the previous, but not everyone was satisfied with other aspects of registration. This semester, rather than register by classification, students registered by their last name.

"I think it should be by classification. Let the upperclassmen who need the classes the most go first, then the other classes," Jackson said.

Registration problems this year,

which seem to occur during every registration period, included financial aid mishaps, students being purged and canceled classes.

Fletcher Moon, head of the Reference Department at the main campus library, was present during spring registration.

"There were periods when it went smoothly. Of course when the system was down it made it difficult, if not impossible to register," he said.

But overall feedback regarding the new systems has been positive.

"I'm glad they got a new system, it is more convenient, but they still need to work on the system," Jackson said.

"The complaints have been typical, i.e., closed classes, system log out, pin number not activated. But it is my hope that all students are registered and attending their classes," Cade said.

To further improve the current system of registration, Cade offered suggestions to students.

"I would love to see more students get more serious about pre-registration. If they would register early and pay early it would further cut down on problems," he said. "Another thing that would make registration better is to make sure their account is activated before registration."

Cade also pointed out that students should make sure they have no holds or outstanding balances before registering. They can do this by using either the web or one of the five TSU Express machines located around campus.

There are also plans to add more telephone lines because of how busy TIGERS stays throughout registration.

"I think those are two or three points to improve registration from all angles," he said.

"We have moved into the 21st century with new and improved systems of registration at TSU."

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LSAT Class Schedule

LSAT Test Date: February 6, 1999

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(Computerized Testing Only)

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Arts and Entertainment



Channel Surfing is one of the many additions to the A & E section. It will focus on new shows as well as movies, hot videos and even the commercials you may encounter with your remote while Channel Surfing.

The PJ's

By Metra Baugh

Arts & Entertainment Writer

Behind the walls of the Hilton-Jacobs Projects lives one big family. *The PJ's* is a stop-motion animation series. But, like most families, they have their differences.

Thurgood Stubbs (voice of Eddie Murphy) is the superintendent of Hilton-Jacobs. His wife, Muriel (voice of Loretta Devine) is very devoted to Thurgood, although every problem each resident encounters becomes theirs.

In a recent episode, Mrs. Avery (voice

of Ja'net DuBois), a 73-year-old resident, was longing for companionship-Thurgood was the perfect candidate.



Thurgood and his buddy Sanchez over a game of chess in the new series *The PJ's*.

Eventually he found a way to escape her boring stories and purchased a dog for her.

During Thurgood's spare time he par-

ticipates in a game of chess with his friend, Sanchez (voice of Pepe Serna), who speaks through a voice box.

Calvin (voice of Crystal Scales), Juicy (voice of Michele Morgan), the Haiti Lady (voice of Cheryl Francis Harrington) and several other residents round out the other members of the family.

Based on the setting, this show reminds the viewer of *Good Times* (1974), but unfortunately this

show will probably not last long. The slow story line and negative

reaction from some Tennessee State University students is an indication of its progress.

It's a family affair, so don't miss *The PJ's* every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on FOX.

Selma Lord Selma

By Sparkle Davis

Arts and Entertainment Writer

This two-hour television special was based on a true story about two girls who experience first hand the civil rights



(l-r) Jurnee Smollett, Yolanda King, Clifton Powell, Elizabeth Omilami, and Stephanie Zandra Peyton all star in Disney's *Selma Lord Selma*.

movement of the 1960's.

The movie starred Jurnee Smollett (*Eve's Bayou*), Mackenzie Austin (*The Long Island Incident*), Clifton Powell (*Deep Rising*) and Yolanda King (*Ghosts of Mississippi*).

The story is centered around the Black residents of Selma, Ala. trying to earn the right to vote. As a result, the situation becomes an important factor of the civil rights movement.

The dramatization of the march in Selma had great cinematography. Overall, the special got its message of tolerance across, but it lacked audience appeal because the story line took so long to develop. •

The Director's Chair

The Prince of Egypt A

This is the animated event of the decade. *The Prince of Egypt* is crowned with suspense, drama, detail and description. The movie is based on the biblical story of Moses and takes you through his birth to his acclaimed dividing of the Red Sea.

The Prince Of Egypt is a cartoon that has emotional appeal, suspense and horror that makes you stand to your feet praising nonstop. This is a movie worthy of an Oscar! **KIULEIA BRANDON**

The Faculty B

Director Kevin Williamson (*Scream* and *Dawson's Creek*) focuses his latest flick around the science fictional idea of aliens taking over a school in a small Ohio football community, beginning with the faculty of Herrington High.

Herrington is an average school with

the usual suspects-pretentious cheerleading captains, no-brainer jocks, and those that just don't seem to fit in.

Elijah Wood (Casey) who is the willful wallflower, along with Clea Duvall (Stokley) and the coolest white boy in the flick Josh Harnett (Zeke) organize to save the day and their school from the other world invasion.

R&B heartthrob Usher Raymond also stars in the film as up and coming head football star Gabe. **KEITH BARBEE**

Stepmom A

This movie is a heartwarming tearjerker that is a must see. Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon give riveting performances in this movie about learning how to cope with divorce, stepparents and an unexpected illness. Don't let this Oscar-worthy movie pass you by. **SPARKLE DAVIS**

You've Got Mail C

Dear Tom, I watched your movie and what a dream; this time you were very arrogant, cocky, brutal and mean.

Dear Meg, I have been a fan for quite some time, but I 've gotta know something- why was the movie you just starred in worth only a dime?

You've Got Mail is surely not the worst thing I have ever seen, it is just not what you would expect from the couple known for their romantic chemistry. The adorable duo of Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks star in a movie about "cyberlove." They type on the computer and lone for an affectionate hug. The movie reaches a high point when they decide to meet, however, one of them gets cold feet! **KIULEIA BRANDON**

Down In The Delta B

The Sinclair Family is a strong unit of individuals who have faith in God, each other and a candlebra named Nathan.

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- A- Oscar Worthy
- B- Must See
- C- Make It A Blockbuster Night
- D- Buy Bootleg Copy
- F- Forget About It

Compact Discussions

The Hot Joints

These discs are from performers who, for one reason or another, have raised the bar in hip hop and rap. They possess lyrical skills, street credibility, Billboard ambitions and the ability to make you dance and sometimes think. Check out these hot joints and also peep the new rating scale for CD's to better help you with your COMPACT Decisions.

- 5- Blazin'
- 4- Explosive
- 3- Hot Like Fire
- 2- Smokin'
- 1- Burned Out

Ice Cube *War & Peace Vol. 1 (The War Disc)* 2

You may remember O'Shea Jackson from the controversial "gangsta" rap group N.W.A., you may remember him from his critically-acclaimed acting debut as "Doughboy" in John Singleton's hood flick *Boyz n the Hood*, you may even remember O'Shea from last year's club hit



"We Be Clubbin'" from *The Player's Club* soundtrack. But you definitely know O'Shea Jackson who goes by the

moniker Ice Cube.

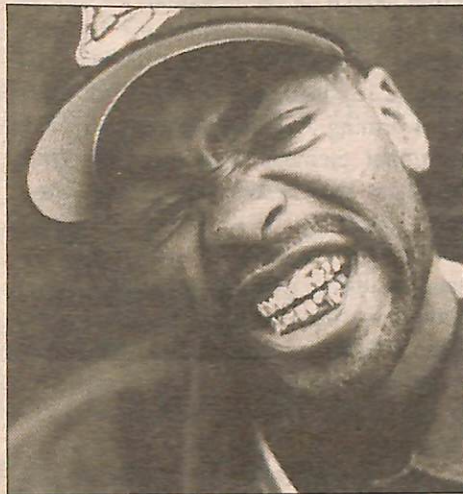
With platinum and gold discs as well as singles to his credit as both a solo performer and group member of both N.W.A. and Westside Connection, Ice Cube is definitely a veteran in the rap game that usually offers no longevity.

His latest recording in four years is a double disc entitled *War & Peace*. The *Peace* disc should be in record stores within the next few months, but the *War* disc offers such standouts like "Ask About Me" and the first single, "Pushin' Weight."

On "Dr. Frankenstein," Cube poignantly raps, "Never thought that I could change the world with an attitude, a Raider's jacket, and a jheri curl," neither did we. "Greed," "Once Upon A Time In The Projects 2," and "If I Was !@#%& You" further cement Cube's career and charisma.

You may remember O'Shea Jackson

from 1995's *Friday* which he wrote, co-produced, and starred in or you may remember O'Shea from his first solo album *Amerikkka's Most Wanted*, but then again in the fickle psyche of hip hop- you may have forgotten. **KEITH BARBEE**



Method Man *Tical 2000: Judgment Day* 2

Apparently, the shots taken to the dome by Mr. Meth from Taral Hicks in the Hype Williams debut film *Belly* were unfortunately, the only hits he'll be a part of anytime soon. As a Meth fan from the days of "M-E-T-H-O-D Man," this new installment from the Wu-Tang camp was a real disappointment from one of hip-hop's rawest voices.

Iron Lung a.k.a. Johnny Blaze (the REAL one) has been struck with the sophomore jinx with the power of a Mark McGwire swing which is apparent from the lack of head bangers on this 18 track disc.

With the exception of the Redman-accompanied buddy track "Big Dogs," and the street romance anthem "Sweet Love" featuring Wu-Tanger Cappadonna and Wu compatriot Street Life, *Judgment Day* lacks the rawness that put Hot Nix (another Method moniker) on the scene in the first place. Meth's attempt at heading into the next millennium with his futuristic post-apocalyptic lyrics is a scratchy effort and is a deprivation to the true Wu-Tang fans.

If this album is *Judgment Day*, I'll be praying for immortality. **SEAN L. LIVINGSON**

Busta Rhymes *E.L.E. (Extinction Level Event)* 3

I'm not impressed. I won't even start this review with comparisons to *The Coming* or *When Disaster Strikes*, Busta Rhymes' first two discs respectively. I'll simply do the task at hand which is review

his latest offering- *E.L.E.*

I'll admit that I did bob my head to the shout-out cut, "Everybody Rise" and the catchy "Do The Bus A Bus" did catch my ear. The comical "Gimme Some More" has grown on me along with "Tear Da Roof Off" produced by Swizz Beatz and "Hot \$#!* Makin' Ya Bounce" produced by Puffy's Hit-men Deric Angelettie and Nashiem Myrick.

Undoubtedly, the hottest tracks on the album are "Iz They Wildin Wit Us & Gettin Rowdy Wit Us?" featuring No Limit's Mystikal being no limit as he assaults with lyrical beatdowns and "What's It Gonna Be?!" featuring Janet Jackson flexing her vocal skills.

Busta even managed to get Ozzy Osbourne of Black Sabbath to guest on the disc, but I'm still not impressed. **KEITH BARBEE**

Redman *Doc's Da Name* 2000 5

Keeping it real and raw has never been a problem for Redman and from the sounds of this new release he has not lost a step.

When it comes to real hip-hop MC's, Red definitely ranks up there with the best and this, his fourth solo release, solidifies

his place on the list. His first single from this blazin' disc is the street anthem "I'll Bee Dat!" which is a response to all the things that people refer to you as, other than your name.

The song also has one of the funniest videos I've seen in a while. The Funk Doctor also gives you a taste of his comedic relief as only he can with the skits, "Million Chickenhead March" and "Pain in Da @\$\$ Stewardess" which are very hilarious.

But don't forget that this is an album and Red does hit you with the hard street lyrics that he's known to spit. His remake of the Beastie Boys classic "Beet Drop" has a Brick City twist on it that almost makes you forget that it's not even his song.

He also hits you with some 120 bpm (beats per minute) tracks that'll get you movin' like the opening track "Let Da Monkey Out" and "Da Goodness" which features Flipmode head man Busta Rhymes. This CD is smokin like the engine in an old jalopy and if you haven't picked it up yet, please bless your ears and get it.

You can call him what you'd like, Red, Reggie Noble, Funk Doctor Spock, or @\$\$%^, he doesn't care because, He'll bee dat. **SEAN L. LIVINGSON**

DISCUSS THIS!

DMX *Flesh of my Flesh, Blood of my Blood* 5

By Keith Barbee
Arts & Entertainment Editor

A debut album pushed to platinum status based on the hype of the club anthem "Get At Me Dog," kickin' ghetto love with Faith Evans on the remix of "How's It Goin' Down," being mobbed on the Survival of the Illest Tour, making his acting debut in Hype Williams' *Belly*, coming out victorious on a trumped up rape charge and still finding time to record his sophomore disc, *Flesh of my Flesh, Blood of my Blood*- all within a year.

Yonkers native Earl Simmons is a man on a mission- a mission to ryde or die. Along with his Ruff Ryders crew and producer Swizz Beatz, DMX will be successfully ryding for some time. From his delivery, his lyrical prowess, and bangin' beats, Dark Man X has become a ghetto prophet.

Much like Tupac and Biggie, X is consumed with death and life, bad and good. He deals with reality and all of its contradictions and opposing sides.

"Ain't No Way" is one of those ryde tracks- past Boyd's stoop on a hot day as girls gawk and guys hate. "Keep Your \$\$\$\$ The Hardest" hits hard with more sweet beats by Swizz Beatz and "Coming From" teams DMX with fellow hometown girl who made good- Mary J. Blige.

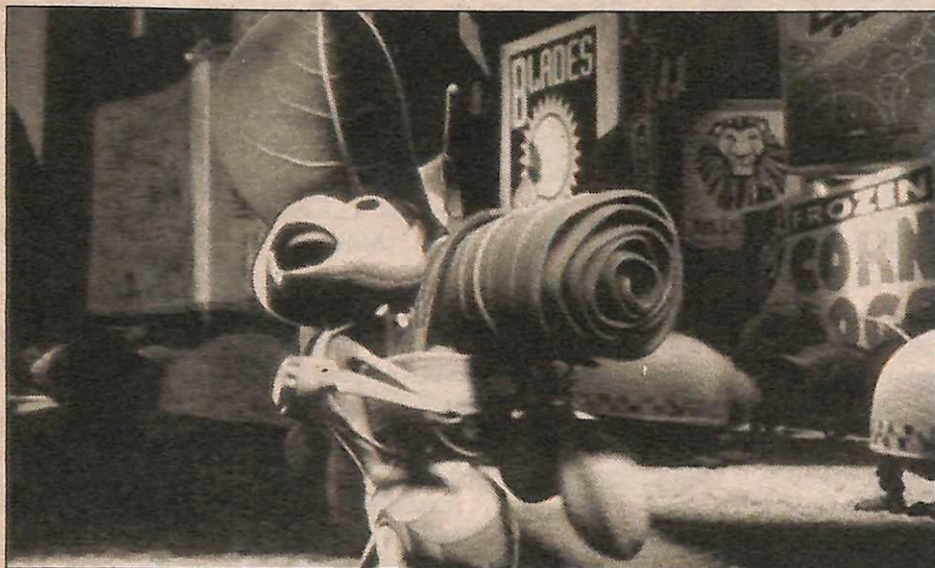


If the subject of most of X's tracks are death, ryding ruff or his childhood, "It's All Good" delivers the goods on how DMX gets down with the ladies. DMX pushes industry buttons with the Freddie Krueger-esque chanting on "The Omen" which features additional vocals by Marilyn Manson.

You have no choice but to take it to the dance floor on the infectious "No Love 4 Me" featuring Swizz Beatz and Drag-On while The Lox and Jay-Z deliver some of the illest lyrics on "Blackout."

As evidenced by his sophomore opus, DMX's bark is as deadly as his bite.

Arts and Entertainment



A tiny ant named Flik saves his colony from a gang of grasshoppers in Disney/Pixar's *A Bug's Life*.

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Nathan is the family's crowning glory and is literally the tie that binds.

Rosa Lynn (Mary Alice) puts her daughter Loretta (Alfre Woodard), and her grandchildren on a bus from Chicago to Mississippi to keep her family together.

Loretta Devine (*Waiting To Exhale*), Esther Rolle (*Good Times*) in her last performance before her death, Al Freeman Jr. (*Get On The Bus*) and Wesley Snipes (*Blade*) all turn in excellent performances in Maya Angelou's down home movie about family traditions, loyalty and mak-

ing sacrifices. **KEITH BARBEE**

A Bug's Life A

Disney and Pixar, the masterminds behind *Toy Story*, are serving another computer-animated special called *A Bug's Life*. It includes all of the ingredients for a fulfilling cartoon.

A Bug's Life starts with plenty of humor which is an essential ingredient that is offered from beginning to end. A touch of romance between Princess Atta and Flik is added, making this film quite heartwarming. A dollop of adventure is an additional element which is the final ingredient that makes this movie complete.

The ants living on Ant Island are constantly bothered by Hopper, the evil leader of the grasshoppers. With the unexpected help of Flik, the ants realize they were wrong for doubting his ability to creatively defeat the hungry Hopper and his entourage.

The next time you visit the movie theater, be sure to ask for *A Bug's Life*. **Metra Baugh**

ing team failed at bringing a psycho to life in your dreams. **KIULEIA BRANDON**

ON VIDEO:

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Perry (Ronreaco Lee) and Stephanie (Deanna Davis) have a love jones. You know those love/ hate, break-up to make-up relationships portrayed in movies like *love jones*. The kind of jones that Method Man and Mary J. Blige talked about on the Grammy-winning single "You're All I Need."

Both Perry and Stephanie are college students trying to make it work with help from their friends. Joseph (E. Roger Mitchell) serves as Perry's go-to man when he has the blues. Joseph is the voice of reason whereas their third roommate D'Angelo (Mike Ngaujah) is the voice of ignorance. D'Angelo is one of those bohemian, meditating, broke-\$\$\$ friends who serve no real purpose.

Stephanie is not without her share of friends to lean on either. She confides in her girlfriend and her artsy male friend Nolan (Darren Law). Nolan paints with watercolors and recites revolutionary poetry- a real renaissance man.

Once classes have ended and summer vacation has begun, the two decide to go their separate ways, with Perry even suggesting that they not only cease their relationship, but their friendship as well. After many sleepless nights and lonely days, Perry realizes how much he misses Stephanie. By this time, she has moved on- to Nolan.

Director John Fisher effectively portrays the agony of lost love in this sometimes romantic flick. **KEITH BARBEE**

Psycho B

Before you preview there is something you must review. *Psycho* is a 90's remake of Alfred Hitchcock's most famous horror classic.

The plot is assortative, the climax is extreme, the conclusion is original while the movie is a scream! The terrifying Norman Bates, his mother and the missing girl recreate the thriller that shocked and scared the world. Unfortunately the directors, producers and cast-

The Isley Brothers, Deborah Cox play Grand Ole Opry

By Keith Barbee

Arts & Entertainment Editor

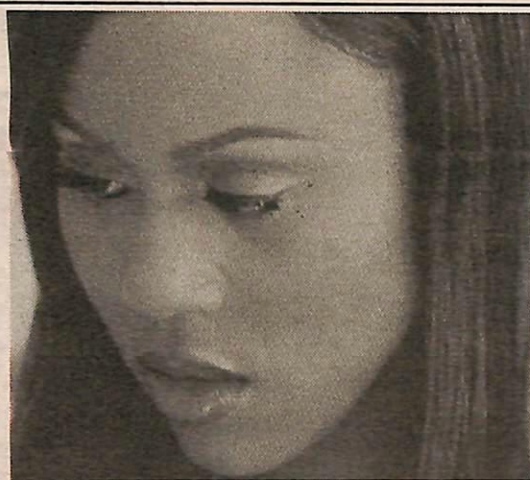
On Wednesday, Dec. 30, I walked into the Grand Ole Opry House to an array of fur coats, manicured nails and right-from-the salon updo's.

Opening the show in true ghetto-girl glamour, lavender tights and a fur-collared top-Deborah Cox performed two songs from her debut album and selections from her current gold long player *One Wish*. Her dancers assisted on the tracks "September" and "It's Over Now." Cox became one with the audience as she performed the platinum MTV/BET favorite "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here" to a crowd of cheers, screams and would-be divas mimicking her every note.

As the house lights dimmed again and my road dawg/ younger cousin untied the laces to her Adidas (taking them off to get more comfortable), Ronald and Ernie along with their band took the stage and took the audience on a musical journey.

Wearing a yellow suit, overcoat and hat-Ronald "Mr. Bigg" Isley with signature cane in hand announced to the crowd, "Fasten your seat belts...we gon' do it all tonight!" Middle-aged women flocked to the stage for Ron like my 17-year-old cousin (remember the Adidas) and her clique would huddle around Usher.

What about the three dancers who opened the show wearing black tights and later changed into sexy, purple lingerie for the classic bedroom



Deborah Cox

ballad "In Between the Sheets". The same three gorgeous women made the men sweat, the women hate and the few kids in attendance blush and cover their faces as the same music and songs that got them here, played in the background.

After performing and sailing through hits like "Groove With You," 1978's "Make Me Say It Again," the infamous R. Kelly track "Down Low" and "Choosy Lover," Ron left the stage with the crowd singing Frankie Beverly and Maze's "Joy and Pain."

Back in an iridescent, burgundy suit and overcoat draped over his shoulders, Ron performed "Atlantis," the Babyface-written "Tears," 1974's "Hello, It's Me," and the Ron Isley/R. Kelly-penned "Let's Lay Together." The dancers continued to excite the audience with hot pants and go-go boots to the sheerest of fabrics draped around their bodies as they eloquently floated across the stage.

In the heart of winter, a "Summer Breeze" blew through the crowd as I exited the Grand Ole Opry House the same way I entered- pass fur coats, manicured nails and sweated-out updo's.

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Businesses prepare for Y2K Bug

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major, said.

"The closer we approach the year 2000, the scarier it gets because technology has expanded so fast that something is bound to go wrong whether we like it or not," sophomore Selena Duncan said.

"As great as computers are supposed to be, it's funny that they still cannot figure out what year it is," senior Andre Newson said.

Furthermore, this problem will not only affect computers, but also execute minor misfortune to anything with an embedded date chip. An embedded date chip is a very tiny version of a computer that is installed within any device whose operation is dependent on the date.

The year 2000 issue is one that can make its mark in many areas. Society is vastly dependent on computers, and everything from traffic lights to Social Security checks are at risk.

Many big businesses are attempting to address this time bomb so that their corporation will not suffer. Microsoft currently has a year 2000 resource center located on the Internet. This web site addresses the millennium bug problem and informs people on ways to successfully handle this problem.

"We are committed to providing the information you need to evaluate the impact of the Year 2000 on your computing environment," Bill Gates, Microsoft Corporation Chairman and CEO, said.

There are mixed views on whether the millennium bug will be a smooth transition or the wildest ride ever. "This problem could evolve into shutting down power plants and electric systems, or we could have blackouts, power surges, burning down of equipment and all sorts of happenings," Matthew Cordaro, president and CEO of Nashville Electric, said. "I think there are things that can happen, so I have my fingers crossed."

Likewise, this issue has the faculty and students at Tennessee State University wondering what is in store. "We are very capable people here at TSU, so hopefully we can get the problem resolved," Professor Robert Emans said.

There is a positive belief in the TSU community that this problem will be resolved before the year 2000.

"I believe that programmers will make a valiant effort in solving the Y2K problem," senior Brandon Harris said. "However, I think some things won't get fixed but not to the point that it would inconvenience the people severely."

Fortunately, people are responding in a proactive manner rather than reactive.

To reply to the problem, it is suggested that people take an inventory of any devices in the home or office that are computer-driven or that one may think has embedded date chips. The next step is to take it to the vendor or manufacturer it was purchased from and find out if it will work at the turn of the century.

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Community Calendar

January 27 - Meharry Medical College President John Maupin will speak as part of Vanderbilt University's Martin Luther King Jr.

Commemorative Series, at noon in Light Hall at Vanderbilt University. For more information, call Martha Harris at 343-3372.

January 28 - Carlyle Fielding Stewart, Ph.D. will discuss "Beyond Tolerance: Celebrating Diversity & Appreciating Differences" as part of Vanderbilt University's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Series at 4 p.m. in Benton Chapel at Vanderbilt University. For more information, call Martha Harris at 343-3372.

January 28 - Community CPR Course at the American Red Cross, offered to students for \$25 (reg. \$40), located at 2201 Charlotte Ave. For more information, call 327-1931.

January 28 - Taize Evening Prayer Services at Scarritt-Bennett Center's Wightman Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m. Scarritt-Bennett Center is located at 1020 19th Ave. South. For more information, call 340-7543.

January 28 - Neo-African American group discusses Christopher Farley's "My Favorite War," at 7:30 p.m. at Bookstar, located at 4301 Harding Rd. For more information, call 292-7895.

January 30 - Community First Aid and Safety Course at the American Red Cross, offered to students for \$30 (reg. \$45), located at 2201 Charlotte Ave. For more information, call 327-1931.

January 30 - The Nashville Symphony Horizons series will debut in the War Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 for students, \$15 for adults, and there is a special package of \$30 for all three concerts in the series, following on February 25 and April 27. For more information, call The Nashville Symphony at 255-5560.

February 1 & 3 - Community CPR Course at the American Red Cross, offered to students for \$25 (reg. \$40), located at 2201 Charlotte Ave. For more information, call 327-1931.

February 4 - Taize Evening Prayer Services at Scarritt-Bennett Center's Wightman Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m. Scarritt-Bennett Center is located at 1020 19th Ave. South. For more information, call 340-7543.

February 5-26 - Bronwen Mauch's photography is on display at the Centennial Art Center in Centennial Park. The opening reception is on Feb. 5 from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 862-8400.

February 6 - Standard First Aid Course at the American Red Cross, offered to students for \$16 (reg. \$30), located at 2201 Charlotte Ave. For more information, call 327-1931.

Community View

Issues raised at annual MLK march

By Hillary S. Condon
Community View Editor

In stark contrast to the days when the police departments assaulted Martin Luther King Jr. and his followers, Metropolitan Nashville Police escorted and protected hundreds of marchers as they celebrated King's birthday. From politicians and city officials to Tennessee State University students and small children, the celebration of the day when King would have been 70 years old saw hundreds of people

of every race, gender and background together in harmony.

Speeches and gospel music were played in dorms on TSU's campus played to entice their residents to participate in the march.

While most in attendance simply intended to feel the spirit of their community as part of the march and convocation, others saw an opportunity to seek justice for their causes, just as King did in his lifetime.

Perhaps the largest of such

groups were carrying signs in support of the memory of Chris Wilson, a man allegedly shot and killed by a liquor store owner in Bordeaux. "He was sitting in his car, unarmed, and he was shot in the head by the owner of Bordeaux Liquor Store," his sister said. "He hadn't even gotten out of his car." Wilson's family

community leaders and elected officials. Along with ministers from Fisk University, Vanderbilt University, Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, the Covenant Association and the Interdenominational Ministers

Fellowship, Republican Tennessee Senator Bill Frist made special remarks on Dr. King's amazing life.

"It is now my pleasure to introduce an individual who has used his education and skills to benefit others both as a physician and a public servant," TSU President James A. Hefner said in his introductory speech.

Senator Frist went on to illuminate the life of Dr. King, describing his love for his fellow man as "the love that only a true Christian can feel."

Tennessee State University was not the only university in Nashville to host festivities and educational sessions commemorating the birth and accomplishments of Dr. King.

Vanderbilt University had a commemorative series for over a week celebrating the national holiday.

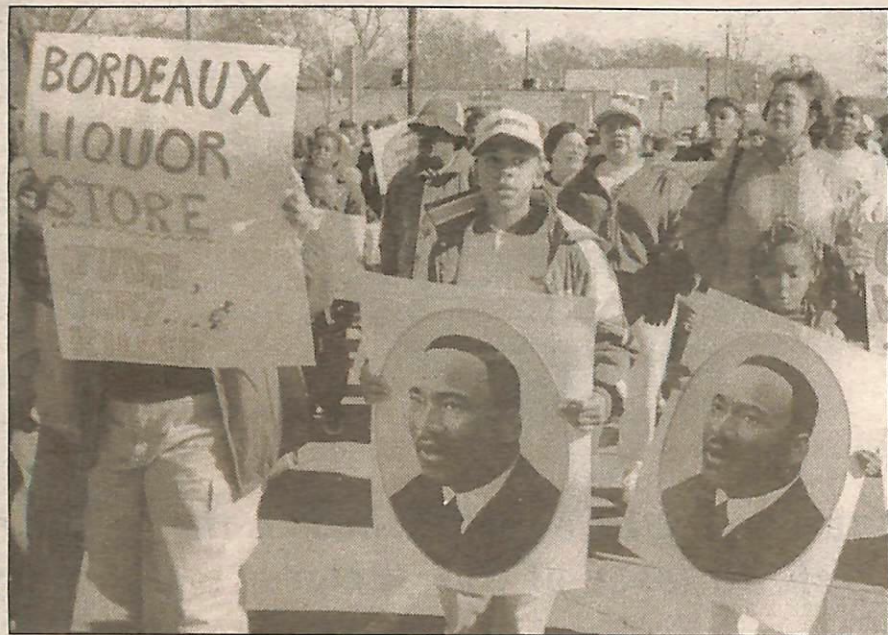


PHOTO BY HILLARY CONDON

Nashville marches toward a dream.

continued to list all of their late brother's positive activities in his community, from organization of the African Street Festival to tutoring of neighborhood children. Wilson's family and other members of the community chanted "More hope - No dope" as they made their way down Jefferson Street.

Following the city-wide march, the convocation, entitled "Celebrating, Remembering, Honoring the Dream: A New Awakening," featured dozens of

Tornadoes narrowly miss Nashville

By Hillary S. Condon
Community View Editor

In one storm-filled night, at least 30 tornadoes touched down, levelling homes, business and government buildings in three states, also causing severe weather and tornado warnings in Nashville and surrounding areas. The most affected areas were rural parts of Arkansas and Tennessee, where 7 people were killed, and downtown Clarksville, 40 miles from Tennessee State University.

Clarksville, Tenn., the home of Austin Peay State University, suf-

fered millions of dollars worth of damage. At about 4 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, some 1200 APSU dormitory residents were forced into building basements, and later into the undamaged basketball arena to ride out the storm. There were only minimal injuries on campus.

Tennessee Emergency management stressed that it will take time to evaluate the structure of the buildings before students are allowed to return.

According to news reports, the 7500 students that attend Austin Peay have no plans to return to classes for at least a week, since it is estimated that no campus building was left untouched. Downtown

Clarksville, a few blocks from the university, suffered much more damage.

The Montgomery County Courthouse, once a tall and proud building on a hill, now has no roof, few windows intact, and is surrounded by rubble. Other historic churches and storefronts are demolished, and the streets are filled with debris.

State and national emergency management teams are thankful that it happened so early in the morning, because otherwise, thousands of fatalities could have occurred. Also, the tornadoes narrowly missed residential areas, which also could have been fatal.

Community View

Art leaves impression at state museum

By April Franklin

Community View Writer

The Tennessee State Museum is hosting "Impressions of Normandy: Paintings from France" through May 30 as part of an exchange of art and culture between Tennessee and Lower Normandy. The exhibition boasts 63 paintings by artists such as Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Gustave Courbet and Eugene Boudin, who, from the 1830's to the mid-1900s, lived and painted in the Manchge region (also known as Normandy), located in the northwest area of France.

In addition to strictly impressionist styles the exhibit also features examples of other French artistic movements, including abstraction, post-Impressionism and the Barbizon school.

Other impressionist exhibitions are scheduled for New Orleans and Atlanta later this year, but Nashville is the only city to show this exhibit, containing only Impressionist paintings, and works solely from the Normandy region. This is the first exhibit in the United States to show paintings solely from this region.

The most famous and anticipated of these artists is the "Father of Impressionism," Monet. Four works of Monet's are displayed, including Boats in the Harbor of Honfleur and Farmyard in Normandy. The exhibit also includes the most famous painting of Jean-Francois Millet,

entitled The Gleaners.

Tennessee is the exclusive host of the exhibit due to the sister state relationship between the people of

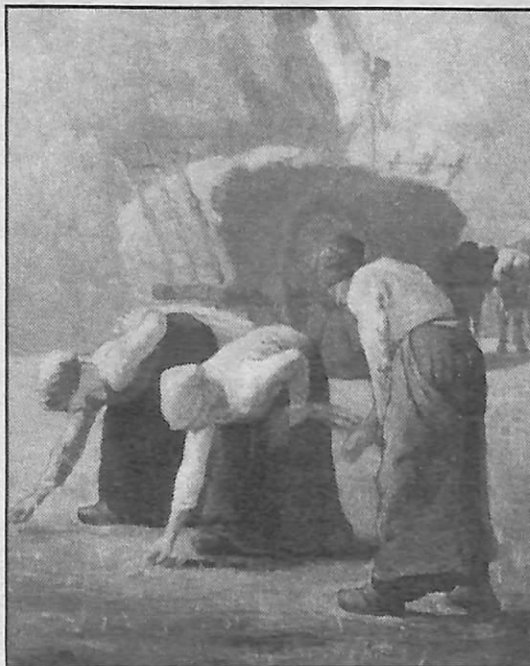


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Summer, The Gleaners, 1853 by Jean-Francois Millet

Tennessee and the people of the Manche area of France, a relationship which dates back 300 years, according to the museum's curator, James Hoobler.

According to Hoobler, French explorers Marquette Jolliet and La Salle passed through Tennessee as early as 1672. French trappers and fur traders settled in the Nashville area in 1710, which was then known as French Lick, for the mineral deposits and salt licks which attract-

ed animals. Further alliances were forged in 1777 when Fort Nashborough changed her English name to Nashville in commemoration of the colonies' new alliance with France during the Revolutionary War.

More recently, most of the American soldiers who took part in the D-Day invasion in Normandy during World War II were trained in Middle Tennessee.

In addition to this historic exhibit, contributions were made to the Tennessee World War II memorial at the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville by Lower Normandy. In exchange for "Impressions of Normandy," Tennessee will send works by Gilbert Gaul, a painter best known

for his Civil War scenes, to be viewed in Caen, France, Nashville's sister city, in exchange for Impressions of Normandy.

The hours of operation at the Tennessee State Museum are 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Friday, and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The charge is \$9.50 for adults. Call the museum at 741-2692 for more information. •

Campus Calendar

January 28 - International Coffee Hour, FPCC Rm. 319, 11 a.m.

January 28 - Belmont vs. TSU Basketball, Gentry Complex. Women's game begins at 5:45 p.m., and men's game begins at 7 p.m.

January 30 - Austin Peay vs. TSU Basketball, Gentry Complex. Women's game begins at 5:45 p.m., and men's game begins at 7:45 p.m.

January 30 - Game night at Heiman Street Residence Center's Community Building, 7 p.m.

February 1-28 - African American History Month Exhibition, 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. daily, Boswell Hall, Room 305.

February 2 - Crime Prevention presents "Kardio Kick-Boxing" by Max Scruggs Karate Center; Kean Hall Room 040, 7-8 p.m.

February 3 - Muhammed Akil speaks on "Decoding Racism: Reading Images," Humanities Bldg. Auditorium, 7 p.m.

February 4 - Race Relations in the New Millennium - Black/White and Black/African Relations at TSU - What Would Jesus Do?" FPCC Forum 210, 7:30 p.m.

February 4 - Crime Prevention presents "Kardio Kick-Boxing" by Max Scruggs Karate Center; Basement of Wilson Hall, 7-8 p.m.

February 5 - Symposium on "Health Care: The Next Millennium's Preprofessional Students," FPCC Forum 210, 8 a.m.

February 6 - Great Debate Symposium, FPCC Forum 210, 8 a.m.

February 6 - Drama & Praise Dance Workshop, Elliot Hall Auditorium, 9:45 a.m.

February 7-13 - Pan Hellenic Week

February 7 - 10th Annual African-American Read-In, Humanities Bldg. Room 113, 3 p.m.

February 8 - African Americans and The Influences of National Politics," FPCC Room 210, 6 p.m.

February 8 - African Arts Exhibition, Crouch Hall, Room 210

February 9 - "Vibe-N-Verse Poetry Entourage," Humanities Bldg. Auditorium, 7 p.m.

February 9 - "Afro-American Women in Jazz," lecture by flutist Galen Abdar-Razzaq, Music Bldg. Auditorium, 10 a.m.

February 9 - Jazz Concert featuring Galen Abdar-Razzaq, flutist. Music Bldg. Auditorium, 7 p.m.

February 9 - Crime Prevention presents "Kardio Kick-Boxing" by Max Scruggs Karate Center; Basement of Wilson Hall, 7-8 p.m.

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Sports

Lady Tigers look to improve season

By Jamael McCauley
Sports Writer

Various teams have been feeding, exploiting and capitalizing the Tennessee State University Lady Tigers on their lack of girth and height, all year long.

Most teams need to have a dominating force that can make high percentage shots and clog up the lane.

Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers (8-8, 4-5 OVC) lost starting center Tamara Washington early in the season with a injured knee, which has really been a thorn in the back of Coach Teresa Lawrence Phillips.

"We just don't have post players," said Phillips. "Until we address that, we just have to improve on our shooting."

The Lady Tigers are currently shooting 54 percent from the field with senior guard Schronda Moore leading the way averaging 16.7 points per game. The Lady Tigers had possibly their biggest win in team history with an exciting victory over Tennessee Tech, but a few days later fell to Murray State. Despite the loss, they seem very optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"I want to go to the championships downtown in the arena," said Moore. "This is my senior year, so every game I

play, I hustle like it's my last one."

TSU 51, Austin Peay 49

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.—TSU escaped with a close victory over Austin Peay as Carri Hassell led the way with 18 points. The Lady Tigers pressed the Governors for most of the game and held a 15-point lead with about eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter. They then began to run out of gas as the aggressive Governors had a late second half surge, but fell short.

TSU 66, Winthrop 53

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Angela Hassell led five Tigers in double figures with 15 points as Tennessee State defeated Winthrop. Hassell came off the bench and shot 5-of-9 from the field to lead the Tigers. She went on to finish with 15 points.

Eastern Kentucky 72, TSU 58

RICHMOND, KY.—Charlotte Sizemore poured in 27 points as Eastern Kentucky defeated TSU in an OVC matchup. The Colonels outscored the Tigers 47-29 in the second half to seal the win. Angela Hassell scored 19 points, while Schronda Moore added 16 for TSU. The Tigers shot just 30.8 percent from the field in the second half and struggled from

the free throw line.

Morehead St. 85, TSU 75

MOREHEAD, KY.—Despite Schronda Moore's 26 points, Morehead State rallied to beat TSU in OVC action. Morehead State took a four point lead going into halftime and outscored TSU 48-42 in the second half to capture a victory. April Bennett contributed nine for the Tigers.

TSU 77, Eastern Illinois 71

CHARLESTON, ILL.—Schronda Moore scored 26 and Carri Hassell added 16 as TSU roared to a 77-71 victory over Eastern Illinois. The Tigers lead throughout the game and made some big shots down the stretch. Larissa Thomas contributed 11 for the Tigers.

Middle Tennessee State 89, TSU 50

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Jamie Thomas scored 19 points as Middle Tennessee State routed TSU. The Tigers committed 22 turnovers as the Blue Raiders played with a high level of defensive intensity and exploited the Tigers lack of size as they were bigger and quicker.

TSU 56, Tennessee Tech 55

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Angela Hassell hit a lay-up with 55 seconds left

to give TSU a huge win over Tennessee Tech. TSU was paced by Angela's sister Carri Hassell who scored 24 points, while Schronda Moore added 20. This was perhaps the Tigers biggest win of the season. Andrea Baldwin was the only Eagle to score in double figures with 10.

Murray State 55, TSU 46

MURRAY, KY.—Angela Hassell scores a free throw. Murray State used their speed to race past TSU in an OVC matchup. The Tigers shot only 21 percent in the first half and were outbounded, 41-34 by the Racers. Carri Hassell led the Tigers with 13 points.

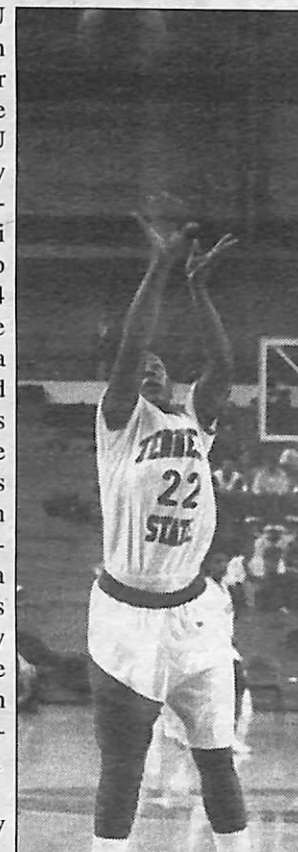


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Men's basketball loses key players

By Jamael McCauley
Sports Writer

In the preseason many rated Tennessee State men's basketball team as the most talented that Coach Frankie Allen has ever had. It seemed as though the Tigers had the chemistry to blow up the Ohio Valley Conference and be "the team to beat."

Instead, TSU has lost key players, Kevin and Keith Samuel due to academics and the team's second leading scorer, DeMario Jones has quit the team.

"We've had to fight through a lot of adversity this year," Coach Frankie Allen said. "But we've still got a shot at finishing in the top half of the standings."

Despite the Tigers' (7-9 overall, 4-5 OVC) obstacles, junior transfer Corey Williams has risen to the occasion and provided quite a spark for TSU. He leads the team in rebounding with eight grabs per game and is averaging 11 points per outing. Pretty impressive for a guy who did not play a minute of prep basketball and is in his first year in the Tigers' rotation.

"I look at basketball as a job," said Williams. "I just come out and work hard and play with the energy and enthusiasm that the team needs."

Williams' play surely takes a load off of Jamie Roberts, the OVC's leading scorer with an average of 20.7 points per game. Roberts continues to terrorize opposing teams with his perimeter shooting and league leading 53 3-point goals.

Coach Allen has added junior college transfers Darwin Carter and Rayan Beane to the lineup to add depth. Carter is a point guard, while Beane is a 6-foot-10, 265 pound center.

Kentucky 97, TSU 47

LEXINGTON, KY.—TSU suffered their biggest point margin loss of the season from the hands of Kentucky. The Wildcats used their size and speed to overwhelm the Tigers. Jamie Roberts scored 13 points, but was smothered by the much taller defenders.

TSU 80, Austin Peay 70

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.—Jamie Roberts lit up the scoreboards as he poured in 30 points for the Tigers in an

ESPN televised game. Many speculate that this was the best they've seen the Tigers play as a team. They rotated the ball well and came up with big shots when needed.

TSU 86, Eastern Kentucky 79

RICHMOND, KY.—Jamie Roberts scored 20 points as TSU rallied past Eastern Kentucky in a conference matchup. TSU used a 17-8 run midway through the second half to pull away. The Tigers were down, 31-25 at halftime, but outscored the Colonels 61-48 in the second half to roll to victory.

Morehead St. 92, TSU 76

MOREHEAD, KY.—Freshman Eric Brown's career-high 36 points spoiled TSU's evening as Morehead State cruised to victory. Jamie Roberts led four Tigers double digit scorers as he scored 25. Jason Johnson added 12, while Corey Williams and Brian Williams tallied 10 a piece. After being down by two at halftime, the Tigers were outscored 50-36 in the second half.

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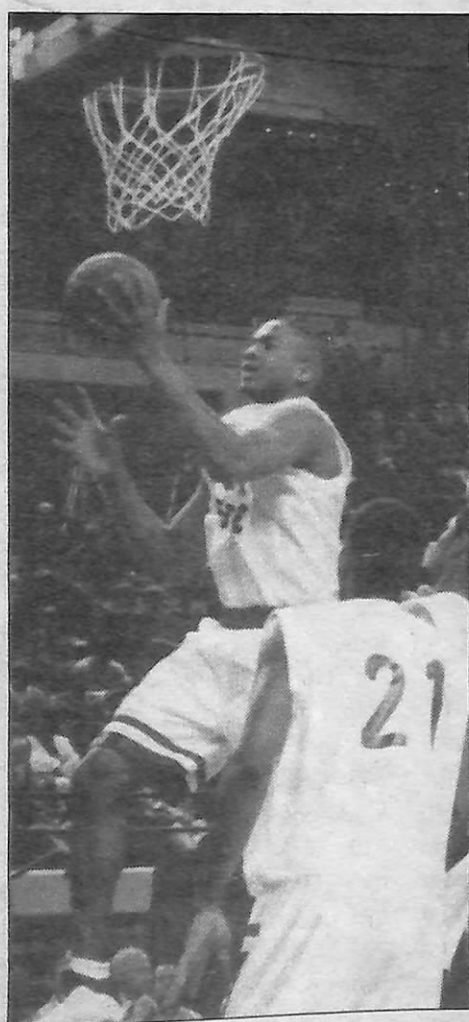


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Jason Johnson shoots for two in the lane.

Jordan retires ... again

By Roxanne Johnson
Sports Writer

Wednesday, January 13, Michael Jordan announced his retirement from the Chicago Bulls at a news conference held at the United Center in Chicago. Jordan told the world that he was mentally exhausted and that he no longer felt challenged.

It was just six years ago when Jordan announced he would be retiring from the National Basketball Association after the tragic murder of his number one fan, his father. Jordan did not play during the 1993 season but returned during the latter part of the 1994-1995 season.

However, Jordan was not the man we were used to seeing. The man that would dribble past a player so fast and then pull up for a jump shot that would leave everyone in the arena feeling the breeze from the swish of the net, was not there.

Jordan lost his touch, maybe due to the fact that he had not played in a year or that he was still mourning his father's death. Regardless of the circumstances, Jordan was not the same. Many people began to doubt Jordan's ability to play again and felt he was getting too old to compete with the younger players, and

maybe should have reconsidered his retirement. However, Jordan proved them wrong by winning NBA championships over the next three seasons. By the end of the 1998 season there were rumors about his re-retirement from the NBA and sure enough he did.

Jordan told fans at the press conference that he has played the best he could play and tried to be the best player he could be.

Jordan has made a big impact in the entertainment business and all over the world. He is not just famous for basketball, he is also recognized for endorsing cereal, sports drinks, underwear, hot dogs, batteries, cologne, shoes, shirts and many more endorsements.

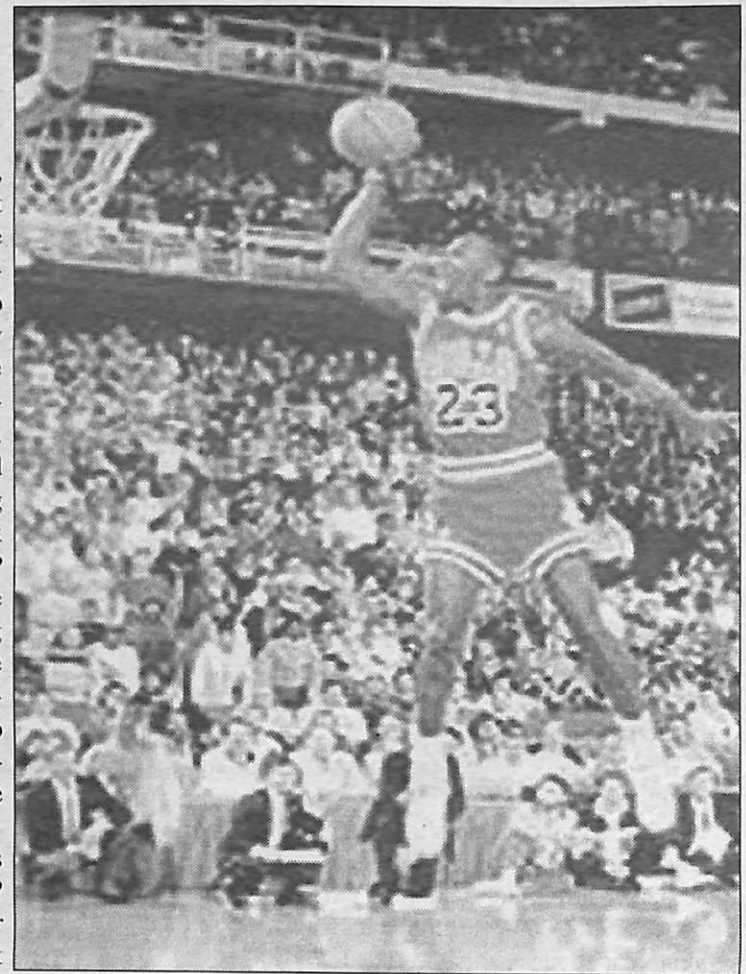
According to Fortune magazine, Jordan has had a \$10 billion impact on the economy and on television. NBC, the station that broadcasts the most NBA games, averaged a 6.5 rating making them 71 percent better than the other 17 broadcasts stations. TNT and TBS ratings also went up to 2.8.

What will the NBA be like without Jordan? We all know that the game will change dramatically since the king of hoops is no longer on his throne. Jordan and the Bulls turned the NBA into a \$2 billion dollar business during the 1997-1998

year.

However, hoops without Jordan will give many other players a chance to shine, but they may not bring in the money and recognition like Jordan. He has the record for most scoring titles with 10, six NBA Finals MVP awards, and the highest scoring average in the NBA regular season. He was also named regular season MVP five times.

So what's next for Jordan? golf, baseball or just kicking back and enjoying life with his family? Whatever Jordan decides to do, no one will ever forget the impact he had on the game of basketball and on society. One will never forget



Shown taking off from the free throw line, Jordan will forever be known as the greatest.

Jordan taking off from the foul line, hanging for what seemed like an eternity, with his tongue sticking out and astonishing the crowd as only MJ could. •

Super Bowl XXXIII Preview

The "Dirty Birds" fly to face the Denver Broncos

By Anthony J. Miller
Sports Writer

Now that the 1998 NFL season is drawing to a close, the only game left to play is football's biggest game, Super Bowl XXXIII.

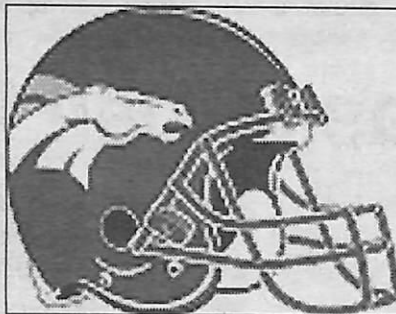
The Denver Broncos (16-2) will face the Atlanta Falcons (16-2) on Sunday, January 31, in a game which can be seen on FOX.

According to some TSU students, this year's Super Bowl matchup came as a surprise. "I'm shocked Atlanta made it out of the NFC," said Joshua McFarling, a senior from Gary, Ind. "They are a good team, so I won't take anything away from them."

Atlanta natives residing at TSU still find it hard to believe that their home team is going to the Super Bowl, despite being tied with the Broncos for the second best record in the NFL. "I honestly thought the {Minnesota} Vikings would be there," said Larry Phillips, a junior from Atlanta, GA. "I didn't expect them to make it this far since they were garbage last season."

After a disappointing 3-13 season in 1996, fans had given up on the Falcons, instead calling them the "Dirty Birds." Now that they have reached the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history, the "Dirty Birds" (named after a dance made up by some of the players) are up and soaring. "It's incredible when you think about it," said Falcons head coach Dan Reeves. "Coming from 1-7 halfway through your first year, to be in the Super Bowl your third year."

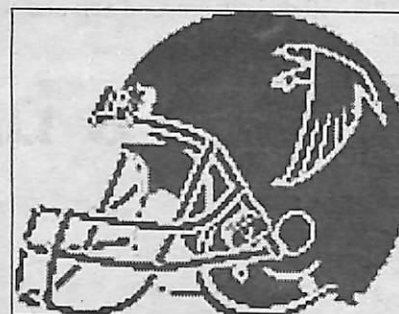
The Denver Broncos are in



an entirely different situation. Led by 16-year veteran quarterback John Elway, who is expected to announce his retirement at the end of the season, the Broncos are looking to send him off with a win in his final game. "It meant a lot if it's John Elway's last game here," said Denver runningback Terrell Davis. "I can't say enough about what John has done for this team and the league."

Despite a 13-0 start at the beginning of the 1998 season, the Broncos lost two very important games, one to the New York Giants, and the other to the Miami Dolphins. If Denver could have won these two games, they would have joined the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only unbeaten teams in NFL history.

Both defenses have a balanced secondary with veteran



safeties Eugene Robinson (Atlanta) and Steve Atwater (Denver), so Sunday's game may come down to which team can run the football most effectively.

Denver's high-powered offense leans heavily on the shoulders of running back Terrell Davis, who led the league in rushing with 2,008 yards this season.

The Falcons also rely on their running game, mainly five-year running back Jamal Anderson, who was second in the league behind Davis with 1,846 yards. "Anderson is a runner who will rip your arms right out of the sockets if you don't wrap him up," said Broncos defensive tackle Trevor Pryce. "It's going to be one of our biggest challenges."

Although Anderson is appearing in the biggest game of

his career, neither coach is a stranger to the Super Bowl.

Denver's Mike Shanahan led the Broncos to the title last season, and spent part of his career as the Broncos offensive coordinator.

After recovering from quadruple bypass surgery toward the latter part of this season, Atlanta head coach Dan Reeves joined New York Jets head coach Bill Parcells as the only two active coaches to lead two different teams to the Super Bowl. Parcells did it with the New York Giants and the New England Patriots, while Reeves led the Broncos to three Super Bowls in the 1980's, all of which were losses.

The last time these two teams met was the 1997-98 season in Week 5. Led by Elway's 243 yards passing and tight end Shannon Sharpe's six receptions, 119 yards, the Broncos slipped by the Falcons with a 29-21 victory in the Georgia Dome.

The Broncos lead the overall series 6-3, so it comes as no surprise that Denver is an early 8 1/2 point favorite over the Falcons in Sunday's game. •

Champions in more ways than one

By George Reddick
Sports Writer

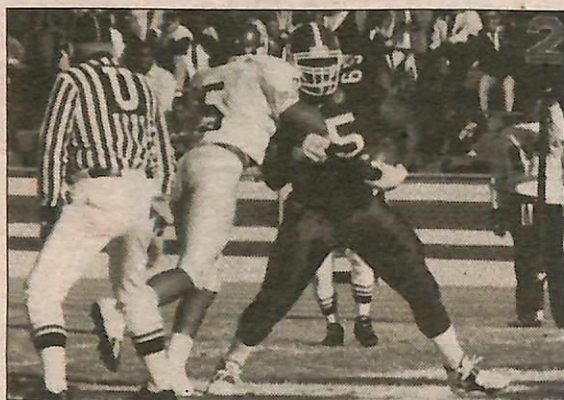


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Shawn Thompson runs the ball.

It takes more than good play and good athletes to become the Ohio Valley Conference Champions. It takes excellent play and spectacular athletes. Tennessee State has been home to some of the greatest. This year's football team was no exception.

The Tennessee State Tigers were ranked number three among Historically Black Colleges and Universities according to American Sportswire Black College Football Poll. The team was fourth in the nation offensively, among Division I AA schools, with 40.1 points per game.

With a 9-2 record, TSU football has come a long way since the days when losing seasons were expected. This season, the Tigers set new OVC records for points, (430), touchdowns (61) and passing yards in a season. They fell just 16 yards short of the OVC record for total offense in a season. They amassed 5,139 yards during the 1998 football season.

The team has fought hard this season. They placed first among the OVC in total offense and scoring defense, fourth in rushing defense, second in pass efficiency defense, as well as first in punt and kickoff return yardage. That was not an easy feat, but with the help of players like Tyrone Butterfield, Leon Murray, Jarrick Hillery, and Corey Sullivan, it was not an impossible one.

Butterfield's outstanding play has made him a great all purpose player for TSU. He generated 1,699 total yards, 1,129 of them receiving, setting an OVC record. He has procured 11 touchdowns for the team. He is number one in the OVC for receptions per game, and second in yards per game. Butterfield became the first player in OVC history to have 1,000 yard receiving seasons back to back. His 72 catches this year tied a TSU record and is the fifth most in OVC history.

Murray, OVC offensive player of the Nov. 15 week, set an OVC record when he completed 28 of 54 passes for 491 yards and four touchdowns. Murray is number one in total offense in Division I-AA. He had 3,002 passing yards and 3,056 total yards on

the year, and he created 282 yards per game. He set a new OVC record for passing yards in a season, besting the 2,802 yards set by Michael Proctor in 1989. He is second best in OVC history for total yardage.

Hillery was a force to be reckoned with on special teams. He is number one in punt returns for the OVC, where he has an impressive 11.9 yards per play average. He is also number one in the OVC for interceptions. His outstanding play in the TSU vs. Murray game, has shown that he is not your average punt returner. He received OVC special teams player of the week honors the week of Nov. 22.

Corey Sullivan is showing TSU that the future looks just as bright as the present. Sullivan and Murray work well together. Sullivan is third in the conference in receiving yardage with 923 yards. He has worked hard over the season, making the big plays when needed and showing leadership skills that will help the '99 Tigers fight for another OVC title.

TSU offense has been making the big plays, but let's not forget TSU's defense. The defense posted 820 tackles in the year, 38 quarterback sacks for a total loss of 245 yards, 15 interceptions, 58 pass breakups, and they caused 19 fumbles. Brent Sterling, Hillery, Darrell Hinton, Lamar Carter, and Ligarius Jennings, were TSU's top five team defensive leaders for the 1998 season. These five players combined for 305 tackles, 17 sacks, 11 interceptions, and broke up 34 pass plays. These are strong numbers for three juniors and two seniors.

Their final loss in the first round of the playoffs to Appalachian State, was heartbreaking, yet heads were not bowed and hearts were not totally saddened. Tennessee State's first winning season in the 90's will not be there last. The team has a dominating offense and a powerful defense that is getting more powerful everyday. The Tigers can truthfully say, "Wait 'til next year!"

Let's play ball!

NBA and players finally reach an agreement

By Brian Frazier
Sports Writer

With players and owners reaching an agreement on Jan. 6, the 1998-99 NBA season is scheduled to start on Feb. 5.

Since June 29, 1998 the NBA has been out of action due to disagreements between the players and the owners. The players wanted increased salaries and the owners didn't want to give those salaries, therefore the lockout ensued.

Millions of dollars and games have been lost due to the lockout, during which Nike stopped paying the endorsers of their shoes and other products. With the announcement of the end of the lockout, the Nike share went up from \$29.33 3/4 to \$43.62 1/2 and the company resumed payment of players.

Many people believe small businesses were the most affected by the lockout.

Businesses such as local sports clubs reportedly lost customers as well as money due to the lockout.

The city of Philadelphia is expected to lose a substantial amount of money because it was supposed to be the site of this year's all-star game, that has since been canceled.

Campus fans of the NBA have mixed feelings about the lockout.

Ralph Taylor, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering said, "I can care less if they start the season back up because Jordan is gone."

Atlanta junior, Armand Posey, said,

"It's good seeing basketball coming back because everybody will be playing again".

Many fans have found other ways to satisfy their basketball needs

during the lockout. Most fans have turned their attention to college or women's basketball and plan to do the same after the season starts.

Despite mixed emotions, the lockout is finally over. The league will operate under a 50-game season and a regular playoff schedule. NBA action will probably still be fantastic, but it will leave many fans saying, do I really love this game? •



Men's basketball highlights

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Eastern Illinois 72, TSU 63

CHARLESTON, ILL.—Jack Owens scored 19 points as Eastern Illinois rallied to steal an OVC win from TSU. The Tigers led 30-25 at halftime, but 10 straight points at the onset of the second half pushed the Panthers ahead. Jamie Roberts led TSU with 31 points, while Jason Johnson added 11.

Middle Tennessee State 70, TSU 60

NASHVILLE, TENN.—TSU faced a 20-point deficit in the first half and never recovered as Middle Tennessee State clinged to victory. The Tigers came out of halftime on fire and pulled within two midway through the second half, but that would be as close as they would get. Corey Williams led TSU with 19 points and 14 rebounds.

TSU 74, Tennessee Tech 64

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Corey Williams scored 17 points as TSU slipped away with a much needed OVC win over Tennessee Tech. Harold Spencer and George Parker came off the bench to provide a emotional lift for the Tigers. Parker scored a career-high 13 points, while Spencer handled the ball well at the point guard position.

Murray State 81, TSU 71

MURRAY, KY.—Rod Murray scored 22 points as Murray State raced past TSU in an OVC matchup. The Tigers trailed by 24 midway through the second half and closed the gap to three late, but that was as close as they would come. Corey Williams was the Tigers' leading scorer as he tallied 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. •

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